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# Langley Research Center Safety Alert

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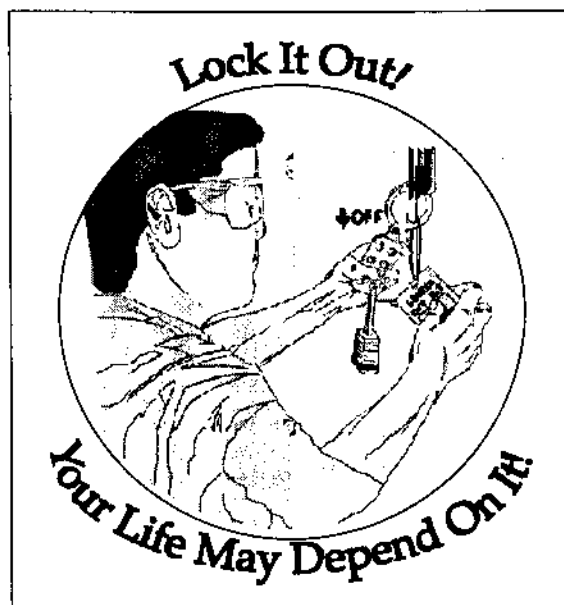
TO: All Langley Employees

FROM: 429/Daily Point of Contact, OSFA, OSMA

SUBJECT: Johnson Space Center Fatality

On August 29, 2002, a Johnson Space Center contractor employee, who had been working on a diesel powered emergency generator, was found unconscious in the parking lot adjacent to the emergency generator. Sadly, the employee died the next day. In accordance with Agency regulations this accident has been categorized as a Class A mishap and a formal investigation board has been convened.

Although the investigation is still underway, we are taking this opportunity to remind our workforce of the following:



- a. Follow the Center's Lockout/Tagout policy in accordance with LAPG 1710.10, "Safety Clearance Procedures (Lockout/Tagout)," and ensure that electrical, as well as other energy sources are secured, prior to beginning a task.
- b. If you encounter a problem while performing a task, **immediately stop work and contact your supervisor for direction.**
- c. If you are a Safety Operator, verify the configuration of a system by using approved drawings and by "walking down" the system before performing lockout/tagout.

If you have questions concerning lockout/tagout, please contact Harold Beazley at 43368.

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